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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENTCommissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In the Office Action mailed September 27, 2000, the claims were restricted into two groups:

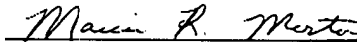
Group I, claims 1-40, 45-70 and 72, and

Group II, claims 41-44 and 71.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims in Group I without traverse.

It is believed that there is no need for an Extension of Time to enter this paper. However, if any Extension of Time is deemed necessary, then the Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 (in the name of Novartis Corporation) for payment of any such extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Novartis Corporation's Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

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